

REMARKS

The office action of November 29, 2005, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the abstract of the disclosure is objected to for using improper language.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Ossendorf.

In connection with the Examiner's objections to the Abstract of the Disclosure, applicant has deleted the original abstract and attached hereto a new Abstract of the Disclosure.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the Abstract of the Disclosure is overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, applicant has amended claims 1 and 4.

The presently claimed invention has the objective of

improving upon prior art devices as taught, for example, by DE 22 50 953, mentioned in the specification of the present application. The prior art devices suffered from high frictional forces. The presently claimed invention uses a vertical positioning mechanism. It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the constructions disclosed in the references.

Turning now to the reference, it can be seen that Ossendorf discloses a bending device for four-high or multi-roll stands. As with DE 22 50 953, Ossendorf only uses piston-cylinder units. There is no disclosure of a vertical positioning mechanism as recited in the presently claimed invention.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the above-discussed reference is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and

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